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SUBJECT: FY 76 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: GROUP
ELECTION YEAR PROJECTS

REF: CARACAS 760 AND PREVIOUS; STATE 273751

1. BECAUSE OF CU BUDGET CUTS REQUIRING A REDUCTION IN COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS (SEPTEL), ONLY NINE OF THE EIGHTEEN VENEZUELAN NOMINATIONS ARE APPROVED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP ELECTION PROGRAM.

2. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT BY JAN. 28:

- A. NAMES OF NINE CANDIDATES SELECTED BY EMBASSY.

- B. YOUR PREFERENCE BETWEEN PARTICIPATION OF ALL NINE
- IN AN ALL VENEZUELAN GROUP FOR THE MICHIGAN ELEC-
- TION OR IN SEPARATE GROUPS PARTICIPATING WITH OTHER
- LATINS, I.E., COMBINED GROUPS OF FIVE ADECOS
- PARTICIPATING IN ILLINOIS PRIMARY (FOR POLITICAL
- LEADERS ONLY): TWO COPEYANOS PARTICIPATING IN
- OREGON PRIMARY (FOR POLITICAL LEADERS ONLY) AND THE
- TWO JOURNALISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PENNSYLVANIA

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PRIMARY (FOR JOURNALISTS ONLY);

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- C. YOUR CONCURRENCE WITH ECONOMY TRAVEL AND REGULAR
- $40 PER DAY PER DIEM IF YOU CHOOSE PARTICIPATION
- WITH OTHER LATINS SINCE FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL AND $45
- PER DIEM WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS FROM
- ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. REVISED DATES FOR THE ILLINOIS PRIMARY ARE MARCH 7
FOR THE PROGRAM TO BEGIN AND MARCH 16 FOR THE ELECTION.

4. YOUR REPLY WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE THE
SCHEDULE FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ELECTION PROGRAM AND
TO GIVE APPROVALS AND FISCAL DATA FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICI-
PANTS AS REQUESTED CARACAS 760. KISSINGER

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